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AMENDING THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TEACHERS SALARY ACT OF 1947

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Mr. PASTORE, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 4419]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4419) to amend the District of Columbia Teachers' Salary Act of 1947, after full consideration, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of this bill is to amend the District of Columbia Teachers' Salary Act of 1947 by adding a new section 16 (b), which would authorize the Board of Education on the written recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to employ not more than 15 retired members of the armed services of the United States as teachers of military science and tactics in the public schools of the District of Columbia. The amendment further provides that such teachers so employed shall be entitled to compensation in accordance with the salary schedule of the act in addition to their retired pay and allowance.

Although many retired personnel of the armed services of the United States are available in this area, with few exceptions, these men are unwilling or unable to serve as teachers of military science and tactics in the high schools because by reason of the Dual Compensation Act of 1933 they could not be compensated for their services. The bill would authorize the employing of such retired personnel and also would authorize the payment of the salary authorized by the Teachers' Salary Act for their services in the high schools in addition to their retired pay and allowances.

It is recalled that following World War I, to avoid falling off of interest in the maintenance of the High School Cadet Corps, the late General Pershing recommended the special appointment of his old friend and comrade-in-arms, Col. Wallace M. Craigie, as Director of

the Department of Military Science and Tactics in the high schools. Colonel Craigie is well remembered for his inspiring and magnetic personality and the outstanding leadership he gave the cadet corps during the period he was associated with it. He was assisted in this undertaking by a number of retired officers of comparable military experience and attainments. This regime, however, ended with the dual compensation statute of 1933.

The Commissioners feel that all reasonable steps should be undertaken to reestablish interest in the High School Cadet Corps. The bill has been approved by the Board of Education.

The Commissioners believe that this is desirable legislation and urgently recommend its enactment.

In compliance with the Cordon rule, the only change in existing law is to renumber section 16 as section 16 (a) and by adding a new subsection, as follows:

(*b*) *Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, the Board of Education, on the written recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, may employ not more than fifteen retired members of the armed services of the United States as teachers of military science and tactics in the public high schools of the District of Columbia, and such teachers so employed shall be entitled to compensation in accordance with the salary schedule in this Act, in addition to their retired pay and allowances.*

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